



PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ELIMINATION OF PERINATAL SERVICES

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 1255.25, this letter serves as formal notice that San Gorgonio Memorial Healthcare District, doing business as San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital (SGMH), intends to discontinue its licensed inpatient Obstetrical Services effective December 31, 2026. This notice is being provided more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the proposed discontinuation date in accordance with applicable California law.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

SGMH currently provides inpatient perinatal services at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital, 600 N. Highland Springs Avenue, Banning, California 92220. Services include labor and delivery, maternal nursing services, postpartum care, newborn nursery services, cesarean section capability, emergency obstetrical evaluation and stabilization, and related inpatient maternal and newborn services.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Effective December 31, 2026, SGMH will discontinue inpatient Obstetrical Services and cease accepting admissions for labor and delivery. This service will be eliminated and will not be relocated within the San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital system. The proposed elimination will result in the removal of fifteen (15) licensed perinatal beds from the Hospital's licensed services inventory. Following a comprehensive review of patient utilization trends, physician coverage requirements, workforce challenges, operational sustainability considerations, and long-term service delivery needs, SGMH has determined that continued operation of inpatient obstetrical services is no longer feasible. SGMH's Emergency Department will continue to evaluate, treat, and stabilize all patients who present with emergency medical conditions, including pregnant patients, in accordance with EMTALA and applicable California law.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

SGMH will conduct at least one public hearing regarding the proposed elimination of Obstetrical Services in accordance with applicable California law. The hearing will be held within Riverside County, within twenty-five (25) miles of San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital, and will provide an option for remote public participation. Notice of the hearing, hearing agenda, and instructions for submitting written comments will be publicly posted and distributed in accordance with statutory requirements. At the time of this notice, the hearing date, time, and location remain under development and will be announced through a separate public hearing notice.

PATIENT TRANSITION PLAN

SGMH is committed to ensuring continuity of care for all affected patients. Active obstetrical patients will receive written notification of the closure and assistance with transferring care to appropriate providers. Patients seeking copies of their medical records may contact the Health Information Management Department at (951) 769-2146.

MEDICAL STAFF AND GOVERNANCE REVIEW

On August 25, 2026, the SGMH Board of Directors approved the initiation of the process to discontinue inpatient Obstetrical Services effective December 31, 2026.

STAFFING IMPACT

Fifteen (15) employees are currently assigned to the Obstetrical Services department. SGMH's objective is to retain affected employees whenever possible through reassignment, retraining opportunities, and placement into other available positions within the organization.

ALTERNATIVE OBSTETRICAL PROVIDERS

Desert Regional Medical Center, 1150 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262, (760) 323-6511. Accepts Medicare and Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Patients should verify participation with their specific health plan.

Redlands Community Hospital, 350 Terracina Boulevard, Redlands, CA 92373, (909) 335-5500. Accepts Medicare and Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Patients should verify participation with their specific health plan.

Loma Linda University Medical Center - Murrieta, 28062 Baxter Road, Murrieta, CA 92563, (951) 290-4000. Accepts Medicare and Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Patients should verify participation with their specific health plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Brady, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, (951) 769-2112, abrady@sgmh.org; or Christopher R. Bjornberg, Chief Executive Officer, (951) 769-2102, cbjornberg@sgmh.org. Written comments may be submitted by mail or email and will be considered as part of the public review process.

PERINATAL SERVICE UTILIZATION DATA

Appendix A, attached to this notice, contains available deidentified and aggregated perinatal utilization information consistent with applicable statutory requirements.

This notice will remain publicly posted in accordance with California Health and Safety Code 1255.25



APPENDIX A

Aggregated data about patients who received perinatal inpatient services within the past five year at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital

1. Conditions Treated

- a. Cesarean Births
- b. Vaginal Births
- c. Decreased fetal movement
- d. Fetal Wellbeing
- e. Anemia
- f. Preeclampsia
- g. Prenatal Hypertension
- h. Prenatal Diabetes
- i. New Born
- j. Hyperbilirubinemia

2. Patient Ethnicities

- a. Asian (24)
- b. Black (41)
- c. Native American (7)
- d. White (92)
- e. Hispanic (428)
- f. Multiracial (65)

3. Ages of Patients Served

- a. Newborn
- b. 14yrs to 42yrs

4. Patient Insurance Type

- a. Medi-Cal - 728
- b. Private - 192
- c. Self Pay - 26